

Firemen who have received their 25 year pins from the State Firemen's Association include Owen F. Buell, Earl H. Smith, Mont Giles, A. D. Buys, Forrest Dayton and Frank Hardy. At the 1961 state convention held in St. George, Mr. Hardy was presented a 50-year pin for service to the Utah association. Earl H. Smith is also serving his third five-year term as a trustee of the state group.

During recent years the department has moved into a new fire station and has added new trucks and many pieces of modern fire fighting equipment. Membership is kept at 20, all of whom are on call 24 hours a day and work strictly on a volunteer basis to protect property in the county against fires. Because of their work the valley's fire insurance rates have been very favorable.

Some firemen who have served in recent years include Verl Wright, William Turnbow, Neil Montgomery, Douglas Smith, Lynn McKnight, Lynn Bonner, Rolland Carlile, Bill Jaspersen, Ray Wright, Hylton Burch, Don Smith, Jay Giles, Harvey Bronson, Glen Jensen, Ralph Stevens, Marvis Clyde, Neil Bethers, Art Mair, Paul Probst, LaRen Provost, Ray Farrell, Richard Jones, and Clyde Broadbent.

Secretaries of the department have included Forrest Dayton, Owen Buell, Douglas Smith and Clyde Montgomery.

A ladies auxiliary was organized in 1949 with Mary Hardy as president. She was also State Auxiliary president. Other presidents have been Thelma Wootton, La Von Burch and Dove McAfee who also have been state presidents. Lizzie Buell served for 10 years and Lois Wright, both have been auxiliary secretaries. May Smith was State Auxiliary secretary for two years.

The first fire alarm was the bell in the stake house tower, but in recent years a siren has been constructed with connections to enable the telephone operator to sound the alarm.

In addition to his work with the fire department, Mayor McMullin completed successful road and sidewalk projects, improved the city water system and strengthened the Heber Light and Power Plant. While many interests were pressing the city to sell the "white elephant power plant," Mayor McMullin put the issue to the people in a special election and won a majority vote of the people to continue city operation of the facility.

When Mayor McMullin was re-elected in 1926 he had as councilmen Albert Dickson, Henry Moulton, Sumner Hatch and Frederick Crook. Sylvan Rasband and Elmer Strong continued as recorder and treasurer, respectively.

Mayor McMullin directed one of the valley's large celebrations in August of 1927 when the city played host to the Sixth Annual State Encampment of Indian War Veterans. The encampment and concurrent homecoming celebration continued for four days and included two parades, band concerts, dances by Ute Indians, talent shows, ball games, rodeos, carnival treats and community dances. Large barbecue pits dug

on the court house grounds for the 1924 celebration were used again to cook several beef and lambs and provide free sandwiches to everyone. J. W. Giles and Wesley Duke were in charge of the barbecue.

H. Clay Cummings, one of Heber's more popular mayors, was elected to office in 1928, and was the first mayor to be elected for four consecutive terms. Councilmen who were elected with him in the 1928 election included Sumner Hatch, Ralph F. Nilsson, Frederick Crook and Daniel McMillan. Velma Crook Buys was recorder and Elmer Strong continued as treasurer.

A successful cattleman, Mayor Cummings was also prominent in Church leadership as well as his civic duties. He was president of the Wasatch Stake for nearly 22 years, part of which time he also served as the mayor and later as a county commissioner.

His efforts as mayor included organization of the electric utility as the Heber Light and Power Company, paving main street, building the city's "White Way," and strengthening the fire department through the purchase of a new truck.

City officials who served with Mayor Cummings in his various terms included the following:

1930-31: J. W. Giles, Harold Stevens, Labon Hylton and Sylvan Smith, councilmen; Velma Buys, recorder and Clarence Olson, treasurer.

1932-33: Harold Stevens, Joseph Olpin, W. D. Ely, Daniel McMillan, councilmen; Clarence Olson, recorder; Effie Murdock, treasurer; Ernest Hicken, marshal and George Stanley, city attorney.

1934-35: Ralph Giles, Douglas Giles, Andrew Lindsay, Frank Epperson, councilmen; Clarence Olson, recorder; Thomas Tadd, marshal from daylight until 4 p.m.; Leonard Giles, marshal from 4 p.m. to midnight and Delbert Watson, marshal from midnight until daylight. (Marshal Tadd received \$87.50 per month, while Messers. Giles and Watson received \$55 per month.)

Another prominent cattleman became Heber's Mayor in the 1935 election when Mayor Cummings decided to run for the county commission. Livingston Clegg Montgomery, known as "L.C." won the election and took office in January of 1936.

Councilmen elected with Mayor Montgomery were Harold Stevens, Nephi Moulton, Douglas Giles, Andrew A. Lindsay and Owen F. Buell. Effie Murdock was treasurer with Leonard Giles as city marshal. City sexton and poundkeeper was William H. Bond.

Mayor Montgomery, an active Democrat, took office in the depression recovery days of President Franklin Delano Roosevelt's administration, and implemented many work programs in Heber. Many city sidewalks were paved under the Works Progress Administration, with the government paying for labor and property owners paying for materials. Ground to build a sewer was purchased and the city waterworks was improved with Public Works Administration funds.

Harold Stevens, formerly a city councilman, was elected to serve as mayor beginning in 1938 and completed two terms, serving through 1941. City councilmen during the first term included Athel B. Fitzgerald, Owen F. Buell, Nephi Moulton, Andrew A. Lindsay and Douglas Giles. Officers of the city during Mayor Stevens' second term of 1940-41, were Nephi Moulton, Owen F. Buell, Charles C. Bronson and Douglas Giles, councilmen and Isabell A. Lewis, treasurer.

Mayor Stevens directed the installation of sewer lines in the north part of Heber, purchased an attractive two-acre addition to the cemetery, installed water lines at the cemetery, built a grandstand at the city park, constructed a baseball diamond, worked on main street improvements, and also purchased the balance of Broadhead Spring for culinary purposes.

In November, 1941, Ralph Giles won the mayoralty election, and by the time he took office in 1942 the nation had been plunged into World War II. Materials became very scarce and manpower left at home was even more scarce.

Councilmen elected to serve during Mayor Giles' first term were Fred G. Carlile, Allen Curry, John A. Fortie, Walter Harrison and Joseph Hylton. Those serving during the second term of 1944-45 were Walter Harrison, Joseph Hylton and Allen Curry. Glen S. Hatch was city attorney and Venice H. Watson was treasurer.

Faced with wartime shortages, Mayor Giles and the council were able to do only limited public works projects. Most of Heber's roads were gravel coated, and the water system at the cemetery was enlarged. In addition, the city's culinary water system was improved and pressure boosting pumps were added. Also, a new water main was trenched and installed from Broadhead Spring to the Mill Street storage tank at a cost of \$20,000.

Because only a few work projects could be carried out, Mayor Giles created a savings fund for the city. From power plant revenues the city purchased a \$500 government savings bond each month for many months. From other city revenues Mayor Giles purchased 50 \$1,000 government bonds. At the end of his second term Mayor Giles was able to turn over to his successor savings of more than \$100,000 to be used on needed city projects when materials and labor became available.

Joseph Hylton became mayor in 1946, and had as city officers Allen Curry, Fred G. Carlile, Joseph Olpin, Harold H. Smith and Walter Harrison, councilmen; Venice H. Watson, treasurer; Everett Murdock and E. Warren Jones, city marshals.

During his administration, Mayor Hylton began plans for a new power plant in Snake Creek Canyon. Equipment for the plant was ordered and the construction work started while he was mayor. Plans were also approved for the city airport and the joint City-County Memorial Building. Zoning ordinances for the city were also effected by Mayor Hylton.

Maron Rich Hiatt was Heber's next mayor, taking office in 1948. He successfully completed the city airport, the community Memorial Building and the new Snake Creek power plant.

Councilmen serving with Mayor Hiatt were Fred Carlile, Sherman Giles, Don Hicken and Raymond Jiacoletti.

The community building, a \$40,000 structure, houses the fire department on the lower floor, and included offices for the city government and the Heber Light and Power Company. The upper floor, which has a separate outside entrance, has a large assembly room with adjoining kitchen and lounge facilities. Second floor rooms are used by civic and community groups including the Boy Scouts of America, the American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Mayor Hiatt also directed the hard surfacing of roads through the cemetery and added to the beautification of the cemetery site.

Heber's most popular mayor in terms of years of service is its present chief executive, Raymond N. Jiacoletti. Elected in 1949, he has served continuously since that time.

At the completion of Mayor Jiacoletti's first term it was decided by the city council that the offices of mayor and councilmen would be four year positions, and that the mayor and two of the councilmen would be elected in 1952 for four years, with the other three council posts to be expanded to four years in the 1954 elections.

City officials who have served with Mayor Jiacoletti have included the following:

1950-51: Fred Carlile, Sherman Giles, Merrill J. Murdock, Rex Whiting and LaMar Watkins, councilmen; Don Hicken, city recorder and Mary L. Duke, treasurer.

1952-53: Fred Carlile, Andrew Mohr, Merrill Murdock, LaMar Watkins and Sherman Giles, councilmen; Rulon Carlile, recorder.

1954-55: Ray Berg, Merrill Murdock, Sherman Giles, LaMar Watkins and Andrew Mohr, councilmen.

1956-57: Sherman Giles, Harry McMillan, Axel Holmes, Allen Curry and Ray Berg, councilmen. Merrill Murdock was later appointed to fill a vacancy when Mr. Curry moved to Provo.

1958-59: Ray Berg, Merrill Murdock, Tom Carlile, Harry McMillan and Axel Holmes, councilmen. Later Mr. Holmes moved to California and Walter Montgomery was appointed to fill the vacancy.

1960-61: Ray Berg, Guy McDonald, Merrill Murdock, Tom Carlile and ElRoy Van Wagoner, councilmen.

One of Mayor Jiacoletti's first projects as mayor was to institute a city-wide garbage collection service. He also reclassified the city business license structure, revised the city accounting and auditing system and brought in a group insurance and retirement program for city employees.

In 1951 he organized the first Heber City Police Department and